Mr. P. Parameswaran Pillai: It might have been possible for the department to send the invoices a little earlier. Anyhow the invoices were actually received only in Thulam 1114.

President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 5500 for the supply of coal gas to the General Hospital, Trivandrum, during 1113 and 1114 be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

XI. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Sir, I beg to move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 13,745, under Demand XI—General Administration. This amount is required for payment to the Trivandrum Municipality towards water tax in respect of the Public Offices and certain allied buidings for the year 1114 and the three preceding years, 1111, 1112 and 1113. The details connected with the assessment of Government buildings to water tax had to be settled in consultation with the Chief Engineer, the Water Works Engineer and the Municipal Council. These details were fixed up only by the end of 1113; and it was not, therefore possible to provide the amount as a regular allotment in the budget for the current year. It was also not possible for the Accountant-General to find the required funds by diversion from other sanctioned items. Hence this demand. I request the House to sanction the grant.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether it is proper to divert from other funds under the rules for meeting this expenditure?

Mr. G. Narayanan Tampi: Yes, Sir. Diversion of funds can be made under the rules if found necessary in the exigencies of the administration, provided that savings are available out of sanctioned allotments.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know from the member whether the rules do not prohibit diversion from other heads of sanctioned fund?

Mr. M. Govinda Pillai: Principles of re-appropriation have been definitely stated in the Financial and Account Code. I am not in a position to state whether the re-appropriation which the honourable member has just adverted to will be in order or not.

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President: The question before the House is that a sum of Rs. 13,745 for payment to the Trivandrum Municipality towards water tax in respect of the Public Offices and allied buildings for the years from 1111 to 1114 M. E. be granted.

The motion was put and carried.

The grant was made.

DEMANDS XXI—AYURVEDA.

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Sir, I rise to move for a grant of Rs. 1,985 under Demand XXI—Ayurveda, for the construction of two temporary sheds at the Bex Hill Bungalow for the accommodation of the Government Ayurveda College. Insufficiency of accommodation for the Government Ayurveda College has long been felt. It was housed in the Ammavagai Buildings at Puthenchanthai and with the opening of an additional class for teaching poison treatment, the question of accommodation for the College became rather very acute. So, it was proposed to shift the college to the Goverument Bex Hill Bungalow and its premises near the Mint opposite the Ophthalmic hospital. The bungalow itself does not provide accommodation for all the classes. It was therefore decided to put up two temporary sheds on its premises. The walls of the sheds have been so constructed that they can support the weight of a permanent roof later on. The temporary sheds can be converted into permanent structures when more money becomes available. The grant now asked for is on account of the expenditure for the construction of the temporary sheds. I request that the House may be pleased to sanction the grant.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: Will not the amount required for constructing temporary sheds and then converting them into permanent ones be greater than that for the construction of permanent sheds?

Mr. P. Paramesvaran Pillai: Additional money will have of course to be spent for the conversion of temporary sheds into permanent ones.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: May I know whether it will not be possible to construct permanent buildings rather than temperory sheds and then convert them into permanent ones?

President: The hon'ble member may explain what portion of the building is proposed to be constructed as temporary and what portion as permanent.

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